



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee*

## **Minutes**

### **Niantic River Watershed Committee Meeting**

**May 10, 2011**

**4-6 pm**

**Conference Room 2, East Lyme Town Hall**

**108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT**

**Attendees:** Dick Conway, Waterford;; Don Danila, East Lyme; Don Landers, East Lyme; Joe Mingo, East Lyme; Marvin Schutt, East Lyme; Eric Thomas, CT DEP Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator

1. Welcome: Judy Rondeau opened the meeting at 4:00 pm.
2. Review of April 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes: Marvin Schutt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Don Landers. All were in favor of the motion, minutes were approved.
3. Watershed Coordinator's Report: Judy briefly summarized her activities for the past month. She has continued to promote the Landscaping for Water Quality social marketing project, and has distributed educational material to the participating nurseries and greenhouses. She has also scheduled a rain barrel sale to be held in June. She is reviewing the Thames River Basin Partnership QAPP to see how it can be adapted to our needs. She has been contacted by a Boy Scout who would like to assist with the Clark Pond (East Lyme) riparian buffer restoration to fulfill an award requirement.
4. Partner Reports: The Monitoring subcommittee met on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Connecticut College with watershed partners John Mullaney, USGS; Kelly Streich, CT DEP; Jamie Vaudrey, UConn; Steve Loomis (and two students), Connecticut College; and NRWC members Don Landers and Fred Grimsey. The group discussed water quality monitoring in the Niantic River.
5. Discussion:
  - a. Establishment of Board of Directors: Judy reported that the four watershed towns have been working on making appointments. Marvin Schutt has been working on a location for the publicity event. Eric Thomas shared information on a similar signing held recently in the Natchaug River Basin.

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- d. Motorboat Regatta – It was suggested at last month’s meeting that NRWC sponsor or co-sponsor a motor boat regatta the day after the kayak regatta. Anyone who would like to assist with putting this together please contact Judy.
8. WBP Implementation
  - a. Clark Pond Riparian Buffer Restoration: Judy has been contacted by a Boy Scout who would like to assist with this implementation as part of a scouting conservation award requirement. A local landscaper has agreed to assist with the planting design. Eric Thomas suggested Judy contact the Town of East Lyme to determine if a State Inland Wetland General Permit for conservation will be required.
9. Other Business: Joe Mingo asked if NRWC would be attending Celebrate East Lyme Day. He would like to have some type of eye-catching display. It was suggested that Celebrate East Lyme Day be used as a springboard to promote other outreach events, such as the motorboat regatta and watershed forum. Judy stated she was looking for other outreach and publicity avenues. The Waterford Times was suggested. Judy also is looking for contact info for Suzanne Thompson.
10. Next Meeting: **June 14, 2011, 4:00 PM, LTA Room, Waterford Town Hall.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

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